ATL Roles & Responsibilities

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Event Overview

- What? CA Wildfires
- Where? California, Deployed to NRCC, Washington D.C., ATL, ESF #3 cell.
- When? October 23 - November 3, 2007

Duties

Key Duties

- Assist Team Leader with coordination between USACE and FEMA as an ATL.
- Provide information to FEMA on Corps capabilities and activities as needed.

Key Issues

- Debris, Emergency Power, Structural Assessments and Housing.
- Potential flooding and debris slides in burned areas, available power to isolated Indian reservations.
- Tribal relations.
- Multiagency Task Forces.
- HSIN, reporting and loaded capabilities.
- Change in FEMA NRCC level of operations and involvement.

Lessons Learned

Process Related: Be flexible, Plan in Advance, Be Motivated, Be Positive.

Procedure Related

- The more USACE and FEMA Leadership are aware of a situation the better guidance you will receive. Use UOC to your advantage and keep them informed.
- Look at the NRCC SOP.
- Check meeting schedules daily (They Change at NRCC).

Performance Related

- Say Thank You, Be Pleasant, Make Friends!
- Always follow through and close the loop, don’t assume.
- Keep good notes about who, what, when, and why from meetings and conference calls.
- Don’t wait for answers, look for them.